

from Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

SBA'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "The Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008." Testimony was heard from Steven Preston, Administrator, SBA.

TRANSPORTATION/EPA BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing entitled "FY 2008 President's Budget Request for Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency." Testimony was heard from Mary E. Peters, Secretary of Transportation; and the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

VA'S BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the VA's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HHS BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President's budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

OVERSIGHT PLAN: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES ON IRAQ

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: On February 7, the Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

The Committee also approved Member requests to view the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a briefing on the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on the activities of the Office of Special Plans prior to the war in Iraq; to be followed by a closed session in SR-232A, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Army FY '07 Supplemental, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "An Examination of the President's FY 2008 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled "Allegations of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Pharmaceutical Pricing: Financial Impacts on Federal Health Programs and the Federal Taxpayer," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 12 through February 17, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 13, to hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to rural development, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: February 13, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas royalty management by the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps; there is a possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 14, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budgetary proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 14, Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development, to hold hearings to examine overseas sweatshop abuses, focusing on their impact on U.S. workers and the need for anti-sweatshop legislation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine recent

setbacks to the Coast Guard Deepwater Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

February 15, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (Part 1), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 12, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine recommendations on policies and programs to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to expand the role of electric and gas utilities in energy efficiency programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the "Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change" examining the economic impacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 13, to hold hearings to review and report the recommendations of the United States Climate Action Partnership Report, 10 a.m., SD-406.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the Administration trade agenda for 2007, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, 9:15 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 13, to hold hearings to examine The Healthy Families Act, focusing on safeguarding Americans' livelihood, families and health with paid sick days, 10 a.m., SD-430.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Mental Health Parity Act of 2007, Head Start for School Readiness Act, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the Homeland Security Department's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, S. 343, to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, S. 457, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories, a proposed bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, S. 171, to des-

ignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building", S. 194 and H.R. 49, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building", S. 219 and H.R. 335, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the "Gale W. McGee Post Office", S. 303, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building", S. 412 and H.R. 521, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building", H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building", H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office", and H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the "Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building", 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 15, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for tribal programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 14, to hold hearings to examine judicial security and independence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nomination of Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, S. 442, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. Res. 41, honoring and the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State, S. Res. 53, congratulating Illinois State University as it marks its sesquicentennial, and S. Res. 69, recognizing the African-American spiritual as a national treasure, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 13, to hold hearings to examine alternatives for easing small business health care costs, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 13, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 15, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: February 15, to hold hearings to examine those Americans born between 1946 and 1964 (baby boomers), focusing on the federal budget and senior citizens, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 14, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on the 2007 Farm bill proposals of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 12, Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Air Force Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Defense, on U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Aviation Security Challenges, 10 a.m., and on Transportation Security Challenges, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Overview of National Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Related Agencies, on 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 14, full Committee, on Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Requests for Iraq and Afghan Security Forces Fund, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 15, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Coast Guard Iraq Operations, Port Security and Deepwater, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, (Panel) Overview on America's Workers and Education for the 21st Century, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and (Panel II) Overview on Health Care Access and the Aging of America, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Long-Term Health Care Challenges, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Thematic-Iraq Reconstruction Strategy, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Defense, on Outside Expert Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Future of the Nation's Navigation Infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Implementation of U.S. VISIT Entry/Exit Program, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Forest Service: State and Private Forestry and Research, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 16, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Fiscal Year 2007 Emergency Supplemental Request, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 13, hearing on an assessment of security and stability in Afghanistan and developments in U.S. strategy and operations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to review the fiscal year 2008 military health care budget and the challenges facing the military health care system, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy reset requirements, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget request from the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the challenges for the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) posed by the global terrorist threat, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on overview of recruiting and retention, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 13, hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 14, hearing on Members Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 15, hearing on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Priorities, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 16, hearing on IRS and the Tax Gap, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, February 14, to consider the following: Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress; and to mark up H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 15 and 16, hearings on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 13, hearing on the Future of the United Nations under Ban Ki-Moon, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 14, to mark up H. Res. 98, Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of Sudan, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Next Steps in Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, 2:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 15, full Committee, hearing on Afghanistan on the Brink: Where Do We Go From Here? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on Protecting the Human Rights of Comfort Women, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 13, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Border Security: Infrastructure, Technology, and the Human Element," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 13, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Rail and Mass Transit Security: Industry and Labor Perspectives," 3 p.m., Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Preparedness, and Response Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Understanding the Budget and Strategic Agenda of the Science and Technology Directorate," 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The President's Proposed FY2008 Budget for the Department of Homeland Security: The Office of Intelligence and Analysis," 3:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "Lessons Learned and Grading Goals: The Department of Homeland Security of 2007," 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Impact of Background and Security Clearances on the Transportation Workforce," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 13, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Science and Technology, joint oversight hearing entitled "Amending Executive Order 12866: Good Governance or Regulatory," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on "The Proposed Immigration Fee Increase," 2:15 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on American Innovation at Risk: "The Case for Patent Reform," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Making Communities Safer: Youth Violence and Gang Interventions that Work," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 14, oversight hearing entitled "Reports, Audits and Investigations by the General Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Regarding the Department of the Interior," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 13 and 14, hearings on the following: the Executive Branch Reform Act of 2007; and the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 15, hearing entitled "Iraq Reconstruction: An Overview," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing entitled "The State FOIA: Assessing Agency Efforts to Meet FOIA Requirements," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, February 13, hearing on National Imperatives for Earth and Climate Science (National Academy of Sciences Decadal Survey), 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 14, hearing on the Administration's FY 2008 Research and Development Budget Proposal, 2318 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on The National Institute of Standards and Technology's Role in Supporting Economic Competitiveness in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 14, hearing entitled "The Small Business Administration's Response to the 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled "Public-Private Partnerships: Innovative Financing and Protecting the Public Interest," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Fatigue in the Rail Industry," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment, hearing entitled "Agency Budgets and Priorities for FY 2008," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "The Development of Short Sea Shipping in the United States," 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2008 Health Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

February 15, full Committee, hearing on Filipino Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

February 15, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, VA Inspector General-Budget and Best Practices, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 12, to mark up the Small Business Tax Relief Act, 5 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare portions of the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on economic opportunity and poverty in America, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Earned Income Tax Credit Outreach, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing on the direction and content of U.S. Trade Agenda, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 14, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Administration (SSA) disability claims backlogs, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the U.S.-China trade relationship, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 15. Executive, hearing on Iran's Involvement in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.